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THE WAR NEWS.

People North and South have endeavored to learn or discover from the speeches of Mr. JEFFERSON DAVIS and the Southern newspapers, what was the character of the command to which General PETER GUSTAVUS TOUSSAINT BEAUREGARD had been assigned by the Rebel Government. We have had to wait for an explanation of the master until now, when we have his order assuming command of the "Military Division of the West," which implies an imitation of General GRANT's military work, and a promotion for BEAUREGARD. Until recently he commanded a corps or a department, but now he is to command a military grand division, comprehending corps d'armee, arms, departments, and States.

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General PRICE has been roughly handled in Missouri by ROSECRANS and his captains, and he is now in full retreat South through Arkansas and Texas. Pursuit is kept up by our forces, and it is hoped that General PLEASONTON with his cavalry may make some important captures, and possibly use up the "CESAR of the South" before he reaches a place of safety again. General STEELING's army lies in the valley through which PRICE will probably retreat; and as he is a fighting General, we hope he may stumble upon "STEELING" and give him a stern strapping.

General SHERIDAN is reorganizing his army preparatory to making another movement. He will not be *quiescent* long. The Government is making strenuous efforts to clean out the guerrilla bands of MOSBY and WHITE, which still infest the fastnesses of Northern Virginia.

The capture of General DUKE and staff by MOSELEY's outlaws is a most disgraceful act, and should be thoroughly investigated. It must have been the result of carelessness, as was that of the capture, some time since, of Brigadier-General STROUDTON.

General GRANT is still preparing for his great movement, which the Rebels acknowledge, will result in the fall of Richmond. Some days may yet elapse before the grand conflict will be inaugurated, but we have every reason to hope that its success will be commensurate with the gigantic preparations.

RESIGNATION OF A PATRIOT.

We regret to read the resignation of the Honorable HENRY S. STEPHENS, Member of Congress from the First District of New York. Mr. STEPHENS was elected on a strictly party platform; and when both his sense of honor and his patriotism dictated that he should withhold his support of those measures advocated by his political friends, he declines to longer hold a seat as representative of a party whose principles and actions cannot be supported with honor. He says—

"My labor as your representative, during the first session of the Thirty-eighth Congress, were given to the support of the Government. Through the whole session I voted in a vicious manner on the war, and the authority of the Government should be re-established over every part of the United States. I favored and supported the measures introduced by the Government to meet the rebellion, who were acting in accordance with their official oath to discharge their duty to the best of their abilities."

"Throughout the session I was opposed to the taking of any step to increase my constituents' suffering, and I resented my conduct."

"I am now convinced, though with much regret, and have now acknowledged my constituents' interests, that my conduct was wrong, and would continue to be, disapproved by a large majority of those who elected me."

HAVING by his resignation freed himself from all past obligations, he is determined to act as his conscience and common-sense dictates, and support the election of ABRAHAM LINCOLN and GEORGE WILLIAM CUMMINGS, the Republican nominees in his district. He says—

"In the future, all my efforts from the position of a private citizen will be directed to the welfare of my constituents, and I will do my best to sustain them in their efforts to secure the welfare of my country, to develop its unparalleled resources, and to perpetuate its benevolent institutions."

Mr. STEPHENS is a man of great cultivation of mind and large financial ability. Among the members of the Democratic party in the last Congress he took the lead, and received the votes of the New York and other delegations for Speaker. After having shown himself a man of ability, he has completed his fame by proving himself a man of honor and a patriot.

GENERAL DAVIS TO TAKE THE STUMP.

By a special despatch in another column, from New York, it is announced that General McCLELLAN is about to stump Pennsylvania. He is expected to arrive here this evening, and should by all means be presented to his ardent worshippers at that classic shrine, the "Continental Theatre." The desperate prospects of the Democratic leaders have prompted this forlorn hope against the impregnable intrenchments of the friends of freedom, humanity, and the Government.

THE BURNING SENATOR.

It is related of VEHICLES, who made Athens illustrious for literature, arts, and arms, during nearly half a century of power, which he maintained by conciliating her fickle populace, that, being destroyed by one who was dear to him, he took an equivocal oath, in a matter of life and death, he refused with this memorable answer—"It becomes me to stand by my friends; but only when the gods also are with them." Such was the morality of a polished heathen, who was not conspicuous for austere virtue, twenty-three hundred years ago.

It is to be recorded of a Senator of the United States in the placent Christian

century, and at the height of the national peril, when religion called on patriotism to save its country, in which was included God's visible church, and all the benefices of political progress; and patriotism invoked religion to purify the nation, that it might merit a remission of its agony, and a restoration to the favor of the Supreme, that he stood forth, a bold, bad man, to seduce thousands of his countrymen to the commission of perjury.

RANDY JOHNSON, of Maryland, the subscriber, has hitherto been considered as at least distract in our earnest, patriotic politics, a border State conservative-Unionist, biased with pro-slavery prejudices and attachments. Mr. Secretary SEWANDEPASCHAL, however, has his order assuming command of the "Military Division of the West," which implies an imitation of General GRANT's military work, and a promotion for BEAUREGARD. Until recently he commanded a corps or a department, but now he is to command a military grand division, comprehending corps d'armee, arms, departments, and States.

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After reading such words as these, it is needless to discuss the question further. The election of General McCLELLAN would not and could not hasten the restoration of the Union; and whatever may be his personal deserts, it cannot be done.

We ask those members of the Democratic party who act from conscientious motives, to think over these matters, and reconsider their determination before they poll their vote in November.

First. That while a State is under the control of the Confederate armies, they would not allow it to leave the Davis Government.

The first man who would propose such an action, be hung up to the nearest tree. So that in order a State should return, it is necessary to free it from Rebel rule; to free it from Rebel rule, our armies must have it under their control, and to do this they must fight; and how can they fight when an armistice withdraws them from Southern soil? And then, conditions believe in an immediate restoration of the Union without war, where will your cherished plans be found?

We have laid down a simple syllogism; it needs no logical education to see its truth. We lay down simple propositions, and draw a plain conclusion; let the age point out a fallacy if it can!

Secondly. The Executives of the seceded States do not desire to return to the Union if they could.

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Third. The "last ditch" before them, and the sooner these Rebel Governors make up their minds to be prepared for the fearful plunge, the better.

As sure as doom, they will be forced to make it, and nothing they can do will prevent its occurrence. Let the South take fresh encouragement from the action and alarm of these Governors. The bright day is at hand when the Rebellion shall end.

Fourth. MINISTERIAL.

CROZET.—FRALLY, 282 instant, we recd. Mr. GEORGE W. MATTHEWS, at the residence of Mrs. GUTHRIE, Germantown, to Miss EMILY A. FREEMAN.

Fifth. OFFICE SWATARA COALS.

CONCERNING THE 28th instant, we recd. Mr. DANIEL CROZET to Miss EMILY A. FREEMAN.

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